#### TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

WASHINGTON. The Government service at Washington

is in need of good male stenographers. Secretary Root's action in recognizing a minor officer as Acting Adjutant General in the absence of the head of the department has aroused the resentment of the ranking officers of that department.

The Government is preparing to expend \$500,000 for the establishment of canteens at the army posts.

Senator Penrose has succeeded in having the Clayton case reopened. The American Ambassador to Mexico is charged with owning stock ir a Mexican mining company and Senator Penrose is said to have se-cured an affidavit from the president of the concern bearing out the charges.

Of America's total exports of manufac-tures in 1901, Europe took 53 per cent, Asia 6 and Africa only 3. Iron and steel constituted the chief item sent to all continents but Asia, which demanded more of oils. crude and manufactured.

Special Commissioner Harris has sailed for London to endeavor to secure from King Edward VII a promise to exhibit his herds of shorthorn cattle at the Louisiana

Marine Hospital Service learns that epidemic of cholera in the Philippines remains unchecked, and the death rate is alarmingly bigh, one-tenth of the entire population of some villages having succumbed to the

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Passengers and ratirond company will ask for warrants as a result of a fight on a St. Charles car Saturday night.

Misa Claudia Libbey, formerly a kinder-garten teacher, attempted to commit sul-cide by jumplar from a third-story window, Announcements of Republican candidates for senatorial nominations expected within thirty days.

There is an interesting factional fight on in the First Regiment, M. N. G.

The Reverend J. G. Kessler celebrates fifth anniversary of his work as pastor of the First German Presbyterian Church. Body of Ansel B. Denton, the life insur-ance man, who died on a train bear St. Joseph, will arrive here to-day. Carrie Nation at Grocers' Carnival at the

GENERAL DOMESTIC. The strike in the anthracite coal fields

already has resulted in a loss of over sixty million dollars. The American Federation of Catholic So

cleties has completed its programme for the meeting in Chicago August 5, 6 and 7. The Reverend S. G. Bettes, the "cowboy preacher," is building a boat with his own hands at Parkersburg, W. Va., to carry a band of missionaries, including himself, to South America.

The Texas flood situation is beginning to improve somewhat, though heavy rains continue to fall over the State. Traffic has begun to move in many parts of the State. Former Chief of Police Devery of New York aspires to be the leader of Tammany He held a large mass meeting Saturday night, at which he had a large banner of himself displayed, while the crowd cheered him as the future standerd-bearer. He de-clared he "had Goodwin and Sheehan skinned to death."

J. D. Henry, editor of the London Pe-troleum, says the English are becoming deeply interested in the Texas oil fields, and several large companies are organizing. He thinks the future oil fuel business of England will justify the formation of several powerful corporations.

Doctor Eugene Grissom, the noted North Carolina allenist and neurologist, commit-ted suicide on the porch of his son's risilence in Washington by sending a bullet through his brain.

Pope Leo's letter to the President is very cordial, and expresses satisfaction with the result of the Taft negotiations. The antifriar demonstration, which had been planned in Manila, proved to be unim-

Marine Intelligence

New York, July 27 .- Arrived: Steamers Astoria, Glasgow, and Moville, Cevic, Liverpool; La Gascogne, Havre, Lizard, July 27.—Passed: Steamer Barbarossa, New York, for Southampton and

Scilly, July 28 .- Passed: Minneapolis, New Queenstown, July M .- Arrived: Cymric, New York, for Liverpool (and proceeded). Sailed: Steamer Etruria (from Liverpool), New York.

Gibraltar, July 26. Arrived: Lahn, New York, for Genoa and Naples (and pro-Moville, July M.-Arrived: Laurentian, New York, for Glasgow; Tunisian, Montreal

and Quebec, for Liverpool, and both pro-London, July 27.-Sailed: Mesha, New Southampton, July 27.—Sailed: Grosse Kurfurst (from Bremen), New York.

INAUGURAL SERVICES AT EDIFICE. Special Music Programme Marked

Opening of Church of the Redeemer. The congregation of the Church of the er, at Alton, held services in their new house of worship yesterday for the first time. The formal dedicatory services will be held in October. Four services were held.

E. A. Smith acted as superintendent at the Sunday-school service. An address was delivered to the pupils by A. L. Daniels. Mississis Smith gave a history of the Sunday school. Musical numbers were rendered by Gertrude Armstrong, Florence Ton-

Misses Gertrude Armstrong, Florence Tonsor and Pauline Guy.

The regular morning preaching service followed at 19:85, at which the discourse was delivered by the pastor, the Reverent J. H. J. Rice. A special music programme was also given.

At 3 p. m. communion service of the membership was held in the church, and at 8 o'clock a special service was held, at which the principal address was delivered by the Reverend Doctor L. A. Abbott, compiroller of Shurtleff College. Letters from former pastors were also read at this meeting.

STRUCK BY A PASSENGER TRAIN. Bernard Bellly Sustained Injuries Which May Result in His Death. Bernard Reilly was struck by a C., P. and

St. La passeager train at Alton yesterday morning and sustained injuries which may prove fatal. Reilly was standing on may prove fatal. Rellly was standing on the platform and accidentally fell in front of the approaching train. A deep gash was inflicted on the head and he was internally injured. The injured man was taken to fit. Joseph's Hospital.

Rellly came to Allon a few weeks ago and since that time he was engaged as an organ pipermaker at the Gratian Pipe and Organ factory. His home is in New York City.

Alten Notes and Personals. -Amos J. Maxeiner has gone to Chloago,
-Irving Kaiser has gone to Detroit, Mich,
-Attorney J. F. McGinnis has returned from
Put-in-Bay, O., where he attended a meeting of
the National Association of Building and Loan
Secretaries

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-The pulpit of the First Baptist Church at Alton was occupied yesterday by President Stan-ley A. McKay of Baurtleff College, in the ab-sence of the pastor, the Reverend Doctor M. W. Twing, who is spending his vacation in the Bast.

Bast.

-The Reverend G. W. Shepherd, pastor of the Sixth Street M. E. Church at Alicon preached restorday morning on "The Awful Curse of Merca," and last evening on "How to Make Friends of the Mammon of Usrichteouness."

-The Germania Building and Loan Association at Alicon will pay off its fifth series of stock on Friday, August 1. -F. L. Taylor of Alton returned last evening from New York,

Attorney Locis McGinnis of Chicago is a the position of Lieute visitor in Alton.

The Probeins Singing Society of Alton held its annual picule yesterday at Rock Springs

Park.

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—John P. Foreman has some in Pulion Mo.

—Douglas Hamilton of the Big Four Rallroad at Alton has some to Denver.

—John Huriev is in Ottawa, Canada.

—A party of St. Louis Indice came in Alton yesterday and took dinner at Hotel Medicen, after which they attended the picnic of the Frobsian Singing Society at Rock Springs Park. The party consisted of Misses Naturie M. Smart, Flora O'Brien, Alma and Lily Walter.

Rosettes of chiffon with long accordion platted ends falling to the hem of the garment are placed on a line with the bust and give a finish and ar appearance of height, the long, straight line being very becoming



A White Waist Sale

Of Great Magnitude-the Greatest in the History of This House-Begins To-Day.

Hundreds of dozens—only the finest of materials—all in advance styles, made after the models for the season 1903—bias skirt pieces, the newest stocks, collars and cuffs-every one with open front. It is economy to secure these now even if not needed for immediate use.

We doubt if such values in waists were ever before placed before the public.

\$1.50 Waists 89c to-day for

Fronts entirely of hemstitched tucks -back in wide tucks-some have fronts of dotted Swiss and tiny tucks-others are all-over tucked and

\$1.75 and \$2 98c Waists for All-over embroidered fronts-all-over hemstitched, tucked fronts-front, back and sleeves all-over tuckedtrimmed in Swiss embroidery-front,

\$2.50 and \$3 \$1.50 Waists to-day at

Extra Sheer Pine Persian Lawustucked and beautifully strapped with fine Swiss embroidery—elbow sleeves -fronts of solid embroidery-all-over tucked-others beautifully trimmed with Valenciennes laces,

Half our suit and cloakroom space, second floor, devoted to this enormous purchase of waists, and everything possible has been done to make selection as easy as great crowds back and sleeves in inch-wide tucks, will permit.

We advise early inspection.

Elaborately embroidered Shirt Fronts tailored Irish Linens-wide and

all-over tucked-lace-trimmed.

Waists for

narrow all-over tucks-fronts embroidered in bowknots-waists of solid embroidery.

\$3.50 and \$4 \$1.98

Six styles-Pure Irlsh Linens-box

plaited-tailored Madras Waists-

solid fronts of Swiss embroidery-

\$5 and \$7.50 \$ 2.50

Waists for

Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney

### ROOT HAS STIRRED UP HORNETS' NEST

Broadway,

Olive and Locust,

eral's Department Resent His Recent Order.

to Duty, in Absence of Head of Department, Over Both Babcock and Hall.

Washington, July 27.-When Secretary Root returns to Washington from his sum-mer vacation he will find that his action in ssigning Brigadier General Wm. H. Carter to duty as Acting Adjutant General has stirred up the liveliest kind of opposition. Within the next few weeks the two ranking officers of the Adjutant General's department will be in Washington, and it only perform duty at the War Department under strong protest.

These officers are Colonel John Babeeck, Wm. P. Hall, who has been ordered home to Adjutant General Corbin, Colonel Hall is a son-in-law of Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, and Colonel Babcock also has influ-

Root's Objectionable Orders. In order, it is alleged, to limit as much as possible the connection of Lieutenant General Miles with army business, Secretary Root issued, on May 22 last, an order directing that each chief of a bureau should report to the Secretary of War, when he has authority to be absent, the name of the officer who will take charge of his of-

The effect of this was to prevent Colone Thomas Ward, then Adjutant General of army headquarters, from acting as Adjutant General. This order will continue to apply in Colonel Babcock's case, so that, though the senior officer of the Adjutant General's department on duty at the department and army headquarters, he can never serve as Acting Adjutant General unless lesignated by General Corbin.

This order further stated that, during the authorized absence of the chief of any bu- ing to the accompaniment of bursting reau of the War Department "the senior officer of the department or corps, whose chief is absent on duty in said bureau, is, by direction of the President, empowered to take charge thereof and perform the duties of the chief of the department or corps, as the case may be, during such ab-

Under this order, Lieutenant Colonel George Andrews, at present the senior Assistant Adjutant General at the department. would have acted as Adjutant General when General Corbin left the city, but the secretary, it is claimed, pushed aside this order when he authorized Brigadier General Carter to act as Adjutant General,

To Serve Under Officer They Rank. When Colonels Babcock and Hall assume duty in Washington, they will have to serve under an officer of the line, designated as the chief of their corps, who, until a month ago, was their junior. It is claimed that this is subversive of discipline and should

Concerning Brigadier General Carters assignment to the position of Acting Adjutant General, this explanation has been made by a department official: "General Carter has been the right hand

man of Secretary Root, and of General Corbin. He understands the policy of the Secretary and is familiar with the way in which General Corbin transacts army business. He has dealt particularly with the larger questions of army administration. Licutenant Colonels Andrews, Simpson and McCain of the Adjutant General's depart- ly as he boarded the midnight train for ment, who are on duty in the War Department, are all capable, efficient officers, but they have concerned themselves with details and they would certainly suffer some embarrassment at first in handling the important questions which are being coneidred, and which General Carter is thoroughly familiar with,"

The army, however, does not less sight of the fact that an officer of the line is acting Adjutant General, and that this supports General Corbin's contention that he serves in a dual capacity-as Adjutant General and on a Major General of the I'ne and that this precedent will have a marked effect upon General Corbin's candidacy for the position of Lieutenant General when

### BITS OF FEMININITY.

A yellow pongee gown with yellow and white embroidery, and a tucked white silk yest and front of skirt, is artistic in the ex-

Linen gowns in the pretty new shades of green, blue, pink and gray are made with Gibson waists stitched with white,

Silks in black and white and blue and white checked effects are expected to be very fashionable in the fall for gowns and

### DEVERY ASPIRES TO LEAD TAMMANY

Ranking Officers of Adjutant Gea- Former Chief of Police Hailed as Wall Street Notes Analogy of Pres-Coming Standard Bearer at Mass Meeting.

Assigned Brigadier General Carter Declares He "Ain't No Orator," Both Movements Traceable to All the Contract Supply in Sight but Says He "Has Goodwin and Sheehan Skinned to Death."

> New York, July 27 .- The opera bouffe ampaign of former Chief of Police William Devery for leadership in the Ninth District against John C. Sheehan of the Greater New York Democracy and Frank Goodwin, the Tammany leader, continues with unabated amusement.

At a meeting held last night the "Chief" was proclaimed not only the next leader will not surprise their friends should they of Tummany Hall, but was hailed as the oming standard bearer of the State Democracy. The event was the unfurling of a banner, on which the Chief's features who has been ordered to serve as Adjutant, were portrayed, urging voters to destroy General of army headquarters, and Colonel all the political machines. Amid the crash of pyrotechnics, the blare of a brass band Chief of Police bowed his acknowledgment and promised to "serve the people faithful ! in any job comin' to me." Mr. Devery also signalized his entrance into national pol-

ities by declaring his platform to be: "No imperialism, no trusts, free silver and plenty of it." This was interpreted by some to mean

hat the "Chief" may yet aspire to Thomas . Platt's seat in the United States Senate. It was a jostiling, hurrahing multitude that greeted Devery when he, with the aid of six policemen, forced his way into the headquarters on Eighth avenue, near Twenty-third street, about 8 o'clock. Finally reaching the clubrooms, he found them packed with another crowd, which cheered him wildly. Twenty minutes later the "Chief" yelled out of the window: "Let 'er go," and the big banner was swung to the breeze, the band playing the "Star Spangled Banner," and the thousands outside shrick-

Devery appeared at the window, swung his hat and shouted: "Ain't that an awful mob? Must be fifteen or twenty thousand out there." Then he leaped upon a table and yelled: "Come to order," and began: "I sin't no crator; I sin't no Bourke Cockran; no Joe Choate. But I'm goin' to tell you plain what relates to this matter. Me and the people of this district are goin' to send Carpethagger Sheehan back to Buffalo and Iceberg Goodwin back to Knickerbocker Ice Company to handle ice, I don't want to be a general or wear sword. I want to serve in the ranks and should'r a gun with you, and the rest of the common people. All I ask of you is to put your shoulders to the wheel and keep her movin' until September 16. Then we'll have a single Democratic party in this dis-

The crowd howled itself hourse when Devery concluded with, "There'll be another meetin' at Grand Opera-house Hall next Monday night. Then I'll do some more talkin' about hig issues like im-perialism, trusts and free silver. I believe in free silver and any other kind of silver and I can never get enough of it." Copies of a new campaign song were distributed, entitled. 'The Man at the Pump, He's a Trump." Devery and his admirers

joined in vociferously singing it. Devery headed a big procession later, which marched about the district, jeering at the Horntle Seymour and Pequet clubs and their inmates and finally dispersing at the

"I got those dubs, Goodwin and Sheehan, skinned to death," said Devery triumphant-

Jerseyville Notes.

The funeral of Alma Rhoads, daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Samuel Rhoads of Jersey County, took place yesterday atternoon at 2 o'clock from the Bethel Haptist Church, East of Jerseyville. The icited Haptist Church, East of Jerseyville. The urial was in Pruitt Cemetery.

The condition of Levi Halliday of Jerseyville, who is seriously ill at his home in Gid-lings avenue, was reported unchanged yesterday.

A number of Knights of Columbus of Jerseyville went to St. Louis yesterady, where they articipated in the installation of a new lodge of knights at the Odeon last evening. Among these who went from Jerseyville were Muyor leorner D. Locks, Representative John A. Shepted, Attorney Thomas F. Ferns, County Clerk, C. McGrath and T. W. Butler.

—C. A. Smith of Modeste has been appointed -C. A. Smith of Modeste has been appointed operator for the C. P. & St. L. Railroad at Jerseyville. Hill of Jerseyville were visitors in St. Louis yesiectay.

The Reverend J. G. Iglene, pastor of the First Prophyterian Church at Jerseyville came up from the Pigen Church at Jerseyville came up from the Pigen Chaitanua, yesterday morning and evening services. In the morning the Reverend Mr. Klene preached on "Christian Joy," and in the evening on "The Belt of the Earth." The services yesterday morning were the least to be held in the First Presbyterian Church until Sentember 1, as the church will be clered during the month of August for extensive repairs.

A specific Sunday school convention was held resterday givernoon at the Bay Creek Church Among the interesting addresses were "Row in Malie the Bunday School Attractive, by C. E. Calsming, and W. E. Barter; Pointers for Sunday School. Services in Mrs. C. L. Wood and Christian, Pajire, "Inter insentie of the Sunday What Gool Rapecie of Us. S. J. Billey."

## IS HISTORY ABOUT TO REPEAT ITSELF

ent Period to Boom of 1880, Followed by Panic of 1884.

RECOGNIZED INFERIOR RANK. DISPLAYS BANNER OF HIMSELF. MANY POINTS OF SIMILARITY.

Wonderful Expansion of American Enterprise and Augmentation of Wealth.

New York, July 27.-Attention has been epeatedly directed in Wall street to the markable analogy between the boom of 1880, which culminated with the Grant and Ward panie of 1884, and the present period of industrial development and steek market activity. Analogies are by no means conclusive, but, if like causes bring about like results, Wall street has much to ponder over in the striking resemblance that present stock speculation and reckless finance, carried on at a time of expanded credits, bears to the former period.

The comparison of the two periods is made more interesting at the present time by the practical repetition, in 1972, of one of the chief offenses of the earlier period. In 1880 the Rock Island and Pacific Railway doubled its caypital stock by declaring a dividend of 100 per cent to its shareholders. According to semiofficial announce ments, it will repeat that performance this year, with the exception that, instead of foubling the stock, it proposes to practicaly treble its capitalization, creating a bonded debt of \$75,000,000, and stock iss \$131,250,000 additional, or a total of \$306,250,000, against \$75,000 of old Rock Island stock, in-

flated to about \$212 a share. Plan to Form a New Company. It took the company fully fifteen years to recover from the previous stock doubling operation, which then, as now, was excused on the score of acquired property or extend-ed lines. From above 200 the stock-got down to below 40, and from 8 per cent divilends it had difficulty to pay 2. Now, on top of this, comes the plan to form a new company, with its enormous

capitalization, built up on inflated Rock The Reverend Mr. Jernegan some years The Reverend Mr. Jernegan some years ago had a plan to make gold from sea water, and was provided with an inexhaustible supply of msterial, having both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans to draw from. Wall street has witnessed a great many stock-watering operations in recent years, but, from the day of the Reverend Mr. Jernegan until the present time, available supply has been limited.

Other Points of Similarity. With the Rock Island read, it again aprs exhaustless, the points of similarity between the method of the early % and the presepted have extended over many the origin of both movements are eable to the wonderful expansion of serious patterning.

traceable to the wonderful expansion of American enterprise and the augmentation of true wealth, and are based upon fundamental grounds.

Both periods were preceded by an improvement in the national financial system, which restored public confidence, and were attended with remarkable industrial development. attended with remarkable industrial devel-

followed by a bumper cern crop.

BUMPER CROPS HELPED BULL BOOM
Block prices, which, in 1881, were thought
to have reached their limit of aspreciation,
went in numerous instances, still higher in
1882. The same is true of the present year
compared with the level attained beforthe May 3, 1901, break. On May 1, preceding
the panic, the average price of the twenty
active railway stocks used as an index by
Dow. Jones & Co., was 3117 80. They reached Jones & Co., was \$117.80. They read Dow. Jones & Co., \$125.23 last week.

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With the prospect of bounteoux crops for the year 1882, to replenish the ravages of 1881, the manipulative party in control of the market was predicting still higher prices, and the saying that "Wall street was the only blue spot in the country," was the catch word with the buil contingent. But Wall street was surfeited with capital creations, and bonds became unsalable creations. salahle.

With the financial undertakings of that past period may be found enalogies with this. Burlington bought at 200. Northern Pacific common at 3700 regular, and at \$1,000 for cash, are responsible for \$400,000,000 of Northern Securities and apparently at least \$150,000,000 in bonds and stocks of Union Pacific.

Union Pacific. Fundamental Economic Law Violated. Strange contrivances have appeared.
Atchison worked out \$200,000,000 in debentures. Impairing the value for investment of every security on the road. American Tobacco common is quadrupled from its old capitalization; United States Steel attempts the violation of a fundamental economic law in converting a contingent into a fixed charge by exchanging \$300,000,000 of preferred stock into bonds; the Monon road is repurchased by the interests who sold it for half the money, to be saddled at high prices in bonds on the Louisville and Nashville, and the Southern Railroad; the Chicago and Alton comes out capitalized on a basis of three for one, and the Amaigamated Copper Company is awash with water.

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# Scruggs. Vandervoort & Barney

### Semi-Annual Stock-Taking Sale.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

A four-days selling of all incomplete stocks. There is not a department in the house without its broken assortments at the end of the season-left-overs or odd piecesdesirable enough—but we had rather sell them at any price than keep them.

The Household Linens

Section should afford a rich harvest

to the housekeeper on the lookout for good things for little money.

A lot of hemstitched Traycloths are

marked way dewn; 60c ones for 45c;

\$1.25 ones, with drawn work, for

85c; then there is some 72-inch

Take the Ribbon Ends.

A few hundred pieces in all, the 10c styles to-day at 2e a yard, and the all-silk, 11-inch, 25c fancy ribbons

in Parasols. We will close out the entire stock of

this season's French patterns, worth \$21 to \$25, for \$7.50 each, and others at half price. Undermuslin Bargains.

Every article left over from the great midsummer sale will be marked very closely and placed on tables for quick selling.

50e a pair, grays and modes only; and 75c and 50c Milanese lisles, black, white and colors, at 25c a Shirt Waist Hats, 50c.

The same is true of each stock-in

gloves, dollar lace lisle will go, for

These were \$1.75 to \$4-only a few dezen-they will go quickly. Linen

outing hats that were \$1.50 up to \$3 sizes—small assortments of styles for also for 50c, and a lot of children's boys 3 to 14 years—marked below the half price—sometimes a good deal less.

blenched Irish Damask at 85c that was \$1.00 a yard, and a limited quantity of 65c Cream Damask cut to 50e. 75c Stamped 35c Goods for

A number of soiled pieces—Sc and 10c Doylles at 3c: 25c Squares at

10c; 50c squares at 25c. An unusually interesting clearance of Stock Ties begins this morning-white and colored imported Oxford and Cheviot Ascots reduced from \$1 to 68c; all the 75c Stocks reduced to 38c, and the 50c ones to 20c

Boys' Suits At remarkable reductions-broken

Lengths for waists, pettleoats, dress skirts-often enough for costumes-

Three Bargain Tables.

In the House Beautiful. No. 1-Art

Pottery, odd pieces of cut glass, some

beautiful bronzes at half price and thereabouts. No. 2—Pillow Tops,

Pillow Lengths, in tapestry-many a

beautiful odd piece for very little money. No. 3-Remnants of Sash

money. No. 3-Remnants of Sash Curtain Goods, cretonnes and the

Wash Goods.

In waist lengths skirt lengths suit

lengths-and all you want off the

less than half-they comprise lots of ginghams. zephyrs, lawns, linen

madras, Scotch madras, dimity, ba-

tiste and the like-all new, fresh and elean-taken out of our regular stock

and marked at prices that will sell

them all before our Semi-annual In-

Silk Lengths,

e-some are half price, others are

like-very cheap.

ventory, August 1.

These few quotations are made simply to give an idea of what we mean by a Stock- bing Sale.

Broadway, Olive and Locust.

Scruggs Vandervoort & Barney

St. Lowie, Mo.

### CRISIS APPROACHING FOR SHORTS IN OATS

Is Not Enough to Fill One-Tenth of Their Needs.

NEW YORK BULLS WERE LUCKY.

When They Accumulated Their Holding They Expected to Get 40 Cents for It -- Conditions Have Forced the Price up to 70 Cents.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Chicago, July 27.-With a very small stock in sight and but few days of grace left, the

very critical period. The price is the highest in a quarter of a century, being higher than the price of orn and, at one time, almost as high as the price of wheat. There probably never was a smaller stock-certainly never a lighter

contract supply. Considering all the contract oats in the houses and on the tracks, there is not now enough oats in sight to fill a tenth of the outstanding July short interest. The harvest conditions are so unpropitious it is temporarily almost impossible to gather the grain in condition to make it deliverable under the inspection rules.

Played Lucky. The short interest in the new July has been referred to of late as only a moderate But that is an error, the result or the clever tactics of the bull interests. The important holding of new July cate Saturday exceeded 3,000,000 bushels, instead of approximating 14,000,000 bushels, as popu-

arly estimated. But it was not in the particular of estimating quantities that the crowd missed it the most. Instead of being a Patten operation, the big end of the July outs holdng belongs to New Yorkers. NEW YORK BULLS PLAYED LUCKY. The July oats holding was accumulated

Yorkers, who were the buyers, had an idea

they would get 40c for their line. The price was never over 37c for the "stand-ard" in that month, and it was as low as The first surprise was the activity with

The first surprise was the activity with which the East took cash outs after the close of Patten's May campaign. The No. 2 mixed in June sold as high as 48%c and the No. 3 white at 55c. Another surprise was the apparent exhaustion of country supplies. As these features developed the Gotham bulls rose to the occasion. From the they raised their views to 55c.

About 250,000 Bushels in Night.

The climax was capped when the July rains came and turned a splendid outs prospect into an uncertain one.

The advance from 50 cents to 50 cents was as easy and as rapid as from 40 cents to 50 cents, and everybody knows how smoothly attended with remarkable industrial developments.

There is something very remarkable in the singular duplication of events, in these two intervals of the country's greatest industrial development. In each, the upward swing of prices halted pending the presidential elections and resumed their upward course following, in one instance, the election of Mr. Garfield, and, in the other, the re-election of President McKinley.

Both intervals witnessed the assensination of the country's chief executive official.

Both periods suntained serious crop reverses, and, to carry this farther, the crop failure of 1851 was followed by the bounterous harvest of 1852, precisely as the crop shortage of 1801 appears likely—if the present abundant promises are fulfilled—to be followed by a bumper cern crop.

BUMPER CROPS HELPED BULL BOOM BUMPER CROPS HELPED BULL BOOM BUMPER crop and a point where great suffering some failure of developed in spite of them. The bulls, who expected to get \$\precedot{\text{court}}{\text There are four days left before delivery. There may be, on the tracks and in all the warehouses, 20,000 bushels of contract cats to-day. It is possible that in the next four days this total may be increased to 20,000. But this will not half supply the necessities. The holders have contributed to this remarkable situation only by keeping quiet. Their position developed in spite of them. The bulls, who expected to get 40 cents, find the market around 70 cents, and it looks as if they might be compelled to purchase some grain to prevent the market going to a point where great suffering would result, and with it a feeling of desperation. peration.
Fortunately the shorts have been possessed of wealth able to stand punishment and to conceal their losses. Inevitably there have been some sufferers of the other sort.

ELECTRIC SIGNAL SERVICE. Illinois Central Adopts New System for All Switch Plants.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Duquoln, Ill., July 27.-The Illinois Central Railroad has put into use a new signal service on the company's big bridge that spans the Onio River at Cairo. The new system displaces the old interlocking switch plant and is operated by electricity. The operator in the station can operate it a mile away simply by pressing a button. The company will install the new system all along its line from Chicago to New Grieans this summer, and, just as soon as possible, the entire system will be equipped. The company has asked local electric light plants located at different terminal points to make bids on furnishing the necessary current for operating the signal system, and the demand is greater than most plants can furnish without putting in additional machinery.

Plans for the Centralia yards are already prepared, and, if the power plant of that city cannot furnish the current, the Illinois Central will put in a plant of its own. nal service on the company's big bridge

This signature is on every box of the genuine Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tables

western lines of the Rock Island will be established in Kansas City, an official says. MAY HOLD CONFERENCE.

Chairman Pratt Meets Passenger Officials in Texas.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., July 27.—C. M. Pratt, chairman of the Southwestern Passenger Bucau, and James Barker of the Passenger Department of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, reached Dallas to-night, coming from St. Louis. Mr. Pratt is making energetic efforts to reorganize the bureau, and is desirous of reconciling the main antagonistic elements, the Missouri, Kansas and Texas and the Texas and Pacific passenger departments. An important conference is likely to be held in this city to-morrow.

AN IMPORTANT COAL ROAD. Air Line Purchases a Proposed Road

of 275 Miles. From Baltimore it is announced that a short line from the Virginia coal fields to the Atlantic coast has been assured by the the Atlantic coast has been assured by the
Air Line by the purchase of the South and
Western Railway.

The proposed road will be about 275 miles
in length, but it is thought that the mileage
will be increased by its extension in a
northerly direction. Connection may be
made with the Detroit Southern at Fronton,
O. The Detroit Southern operates from De-

northerly direction. Connection may be made with the Detroit Southern at Ironton, O. The Detroit Southern operates from Detroit to Wellston, O., via Lima, 343 miles. The Ohio River and Charleston road extends from Johnson City, Tenn, to Huntdale, N. C., a distance of thirty-four miles, It was originally the Tennessee section of the Charleston, Cincinnati and Chicago project. The Carolina portion of this road was built from Camden, S. C., to Marion, N. C., I'll miles. It is now known as the South Carolina and Georgia extension and is controlled by the Southern Hallway. The Ohio River and Charleston was recently Solid by Samuel Hunt's company to the South and Western, of which George L. Carter of Bristol, Tenn., who organized the Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke and the Virginia Southwestern Railway companies, is president.

New Southern Mail Train. The Southern Hailway, it is reported, will at an early date establish a fast through train from New Orleans to New York for the benefit of the mail service. It is said that the new train will be the fastest on the entire system. The news of this contemplated action on the part of the Southern comes from an official of the rallway mail service. It is expected that official announcement of the matter will be made in a short time.

Big Four Names Neel's Successor. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Mattoon, Ill., July 27.—E. M. Neel, who is critically ill at the home of his sister, Miss Marletta Neel, in this city, has resigned as freight agent of the Hig Four in East St. Louis, and has been succeeded by R. R. Harris, freight agent at Muncie. Ind. W. C. Crimmell, agent at Pans, succeeds Harris at Muncie. It is now believed that Mr. Neel will recover.

Low Coloniat Rates on S. P. San Francisco, Cai., July 27.—The Southern Pacific announces that on September 1 daily colonist rates will be placed in effect via the Southern Pacific and its connections through Ogden or El Passo to California as follows: From Omaha, Kansas City and other Missouri River points, \$25; St. Louls, New Orleans and Misséssippi River points, \$30; Peoria, \$31; Chicago, \$31. These rates will be in effect until October 1.

"COMPARISON OF RATES." Development of South and West and Legislation.

The following comparison of rates has just been received by The Republic: One reason why the South and West have not developed faster.

One reason why the railroads oppose any national legislation that will force them to make fair and equitable rates.

Rates for equal mileage in the South and West are from 43 to 225 per cent higher than rates from New York over the Alleghany Mountains to the Central States.

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Comparison of mileage and rates on the Pennsylvania Railroad with those of the big systems south of the Potomac and Ohlo rivers, and west of Chicago:

From Chicago to Denver, 1,022 miles, rates for the four classes of merchandise are \$2.05, \$1.55, \$1.25 and \$7 cents; from New York to Pocohontas, \$11, 1,025 miles, \$7 cents, \$5 cents, \$8 cents and \$1 cents; difference, \$1.18, \$9 cents, \$6 cents.

From New Orleans to Fort Worth Tex From New Orleans to Fort Worth, Tex., 547 miles, \$1.20, \$1.60, \$7 cents and \$1 cents; from New York to Massillon, O., 554 miles, \$3 cents, 46 cents, 35 cents and 55 cents difference, 57 cents, 51 cents and 56

cents.

"Cincinnati to Macon, Ga., 589 miles, \$1.67, 92 cents, 81 cents and 68 cents; New York to Wooster, O., 589 miles, 56, 48, 37 and 25 cents; difference of 51, 44 and 42 cents.

"St. Louis to New Orleans, 796 miles, 90, 75, 65 and 59 cents; New York to Pigua, O., 711 miles, 63, 55, 42 and 29 cents; difference, 27, 39, 23 and 21 cents.

MINE EXPLOSION KILLS TWO. Gas Ignites in Coal Shaft at Mc-

Curtain, I. T. McCurtain, I. T., July 27.-Two men were killed and two others seriously burned by an explosion of gas to-day in one of the Sans Bois Coal Company's mines, one mile west of here

The dead are Andrew Dazell and James The four men were in the mine, 900 feet from the opening, when the explosion oc-curred. It was followed a moment later by another explosion of less force. It sumed the gas was ignited by one of their

lamps. Brown was the son of Bennett Brown of Huntington, Ark., the southern manager of the Central Coal and Coke Company, and was also a nephew of Superintendent Brown of the Sans Bois mine. The men were engaged in placing timbers to support the roof of the mine at the time.

A CONFESSION. He kissed her on the balcony-

It was a dreadful sin; The roses tried their shame to hide. Holding their blushes in! He kissed her on the balcony-

The very moonbeams quivered; While Mars turned red, Orion fled. And Venus fairly shivered! He kissed her on the balcony-I thought to see her faint, This modest maid, with look so staid,

That I had dreamed a saint! He kissed her on the balcony-Ah, can I tell-alnck! The direful truth of woman's ruth-I-saw-her-kiss-him-back!

-Atlanta Journal The coats of all the costumes designed for early autumn are made long enough i come more than half-way down the skirt.

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